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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 203

Introduced by Assembly Members Chu, Chan, Liu, and Nakano
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May 6, 2002

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 203—Relative to recognizing May 2002 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 203, as amended, Chu. Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

This measure would commend Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and outstanding service to the state and recognize May 2002 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The earliest Asian Americans immigrated to the
2 United States in the 1800's; and

3 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have played
4 a critical role in the social, economic, and political development
5 of California throughout its history; and

6 WHEREAS, The 4.22 million Asian and Pacific Islander
7 Americans in California are one of the fastest growing ethnic
8 populations in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans represent
10 over 12 percent of California's population and represent ancestries
11 that include Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, East Indian, Filipino,
12 Guamanian, Hawaiian, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese,
13 Korean, Laotian, Singaporean, Thai, Tongan, and Vietnamese;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American
16 entrepreneurs have led many of California's businesses to the
17 pinnacle of their respective industries; and

18 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American communities
19 throughout California actively promote their cultural heritage and
20 promote cross-cultural understanding; and

21 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans will
22 continue to be an important part of California's diverse tapestry of
23 cultures and ideas; and

24 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American immigrants
25 have contributed greatly to California's economic success, rural
26 growth, and urban development; and

27 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American refugees
28 have revitalized many of California's communities, while
29 bringing in new ideas and economic opportunities; and

30 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American immigrants
31 and refugees had to overcome tremendous odds and cultural
32 barriers to establish a better life for their families; and

33 WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have a
34 proud legacy of service and dedication to the State of California
35 and to the United States of America; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature commends Asian and
38 Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and
39 outstanding service to the State of California, and recognizes the

- 1 month of May 2002 as Asian and Pacific Islander American
- 2 Heritage Month; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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